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Letter dated 30 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Pavlo Klimkin, on the issue of the deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Ukraine (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yuriy **Sergeyev**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 30 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 23 February 2015, I have the honour to inform you that on 17 March 2015 the Verkhovna Rada (parliament) of Ukraine adopted a decision on the approval of the address on behalf of Ukraine to the United Nations Security Council and the Council of the European Union on the deployment of an international peacekeeping and security operation in the territory of Ukraine.

I therefore have the honour to forward to you the address by the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, dealing with the deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Ukraine (see enclosure).

I count on your leadership in taking forward this important issue, in particular through the early dispatch to Ukraine of a preliminary assessment mission as requested by President Poroshenko, so as to bring, as soon as possible, lasting peace and stability to the affected areas of the Luhansk and Donetsk regions of Ukraine in accordance with the Minsk agreements.

(*Signed*) Pavlo **Klimkin**

Enclosure

Address on behalf of Ukraine to the Security Council on the deployment of an international peacekeeping and security operation in the territory of Ukraine

Based on the decision of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine on the address to the United Nations and the European Union on the deployment of a peacekeeping and security operation in the territory of Ukraine adopted on 18 February 2015,

Recognizing the key role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and its capacities to that end to take effective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace in conformity with the norms and principles of international law,

Considering the important long-term contribution of Ukraine to the maintenance of international peace and stability, including through participation in the United Nations peacekeeping operations,

With the aim to ensure effective implementation of the Minsk agreements (Minsk Protocol of 5 September 2014 and Minsk Memorandum of 19 September 2014), the package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements and the declaration by the President of Ukraine, the President of the French Republic, the President of the Russian Federation and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany in support of the package of measures adopted and signed in Minsk on 12 February 2015, which envisage, inter alia, an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire in certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, pull-out of all heavy weapons, withdrawal of all foreign armed formations and military equipment, as well as mercenaries, from the territory of Ukraine, disarmament of all illegal groups, reinstatement of full control of the State border by the Government of Ukraine, and ensuring the release and exchange of all hostages and unlawfully detained persons,

Recognizing the important role of the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in the monitoring and verification of the implementation of the Minsk agreements,

Taking into account that the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission, being a strictly civilian mission, has neither means nor tools at its disposal to ensure compliance by all signatories with the commitments undertaken under the Minsk agreements,

Acknowledging the fact that the security situation in Donbas remains extremely tense with the prospect of further undermining the integrity and trust within the whole peace process based on the Minsk agreements,

Proceeding from the need to involve additional instruments in order to prevent further violations of fundamental principles and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and to guarantee lasting peace and stability in certain areas of the Luhansk and Donetsk regions of Ukraine in accordance with the Minsk agreements by ensuring a United Nations peacekeeping presence in our country in

parallel with enhancing current OSCE SMM capacities, as mutually reinforcing tracks.

On behalf of Ukraine I address the Secretary-General and the Security Council of the United Nations to initiate appropriate procedures for the deployment of a United Nations international peacekeeping operation in the territory of Ukraine, with the exact modalities to be defined in consultations with the Ukrainian side, in accordance with established practice. In particular, I request that a preliminary assessment mission be dispatched to Ukraine in order to assess the situation and put forward recommendations for consideration by the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Petro **Poroshenko**